

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**MAY 18 2004**

Applicant: Yoshihiro Hirota

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Examiner: Deb, Anjan K.

For: ELECTROSTATIC CAPACITANCE SENSOR, ELECTROSTATIC  
CAPACITANCE SENSOR COMPONENT, OBJECT MOUNTING BODY  
AND OBJECT MOUNTING APPARATUS

**PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

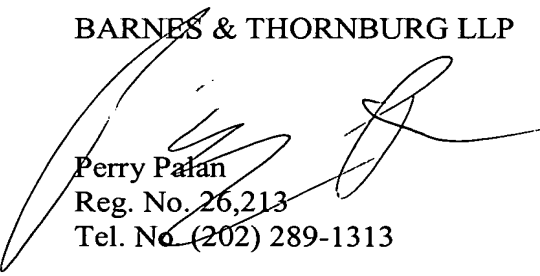
Petitioner, Applicant in the above-identified application, hereby requests that the response to the outstanding Office Action submitted herewith be accepted pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The outstanding Office Action was issued on November 18, 2003, the initial period for a response expiring February 18, 2004.

As required, the appropriate fee of \$950.00 specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for a three-month extension is submitted herewith. Please credit any overpayments or charge any additional fees to the Deposit Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Account Number 02-1010 (18940/36543).

The requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations having been met, acceptance of the accompanying document is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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